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SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR:—"Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the advisability of having annual audit?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"It is an annual audit. I said the audit for 1949–50 has already been made and the report is available. The audit for 1951–52 is being done. It is done annually by the Accountant-General."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR:—"May I know whether the audit includes the checking of all accessories and also other spare materials in stock?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I think it is done; but I would like to have notice."

One-way traffic near Central Station and Mount Road.

*52 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN (on behalf of Sri V. Gurunandan Row): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for introducing recently one-way traffic near Central Station and Mount Road;

(b) whether representatives of the public were previously consulted in the matter; and

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints against this change?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) to (c) The traffic changes regarding the one-way traffic near Central Station and Mount Road were made by the Commissioner of Police in exercise of the powers vested in him under rule 49-A of the Madras Traffic Rules, 1938. The Commissioner took into account the then existing public inconvenience but did not call for any conference of the kind referred to. Later, on the representations received by the Government they examined the question of continuance or otherwise of the traffic changes introduced by the Commissioner of Police and issued suitable orders."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—"May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the Corporation of Madras was consulted in regard to the change in the routes, for after all, the Corporation of Madras represents the people of Madras, as the Hon. Minister himself knows very well?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"A conference was held, to which the Commissioner of the Corporation of Madras was invited and he took part in the discussion there."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—"Sir, after all, the Commissioner of the Corporation of Madras is a nominee of the Government, whereas the members of the Council are representatives of the people, as the Hon. Dr. Krishna Rao knows very well. So

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I would like to know whether the Corporation Council as such was consulted about this matter?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA DAO:—"No, Sir, they were not consulted."

Report of Ratnasabapathy Mudaliar Committee on the reform of Municipal Administration.

* 53 *Q*.—SRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the report of Ratnasabapathy Mudaliar Committee on the reform of Municipal Administration; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are examining the report and will shortly take a decision on the recommendations of the committee."

Increase in the strength of Personal Assistants to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

* 54 *Q*.—SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there has been any increase in the number of Personal Assistants to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards from 1948 to 1952, and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"Yes. The number of Personal Assistants to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has been increased in recent years—

(1) to cope with the general increase of work in the Inspector's office; and

(2) to attend to work connected with implementation of the provisions of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950, and conduct of general elections to Municipal Councils in 1952."

Scales of pay of employees of the Estate offices and the village officers of the abolished zamindaris.

* 55 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the officials employed in the Estate offices and the village officers of the abolished zamindaris are given the same scales of pay as those allowed to similar officers in Government service; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) & (*b*) It is presumed that by the term 'the officials employed in Estate offices', the hon. Member refers to employees of